

Meeting of April 14, 1919.

The Board of Public Works of Maryland met at the office of the Governor in the City of Baltimore, on April 14th, 1919, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Present: Governor Emerson C. Harrington,
Comptroller Hugh A. McMullen,
Treasurer William P. Jackson.

The Minutes of March 13th, 1919, were read and approved.

Treasurer Jackson brought to the attention of the Board check for \$222.24 received in payment of fire losses at Maryland State Normal School, and the Board directed that said check be turned over to M. Bates Stephens, Superintendent of the State Board of Education, Baltimore.

Col. Baughman, Automobile Commissioner, and Mr. Fox, Chairman of the State Board of Labor and Statistics, appeared before the Board relating to new quarters for said Boards.

Col. Baughman spoke of the building contemplated by the Maryland Historical Society and rental of a part thereof for the use of said Boards. Col. Baughman and Mr. Fox report that their present quarters are inadequate for the purposes of these Boards. The rental of the building offered by the Maryland Historical Society is \$8,000.00 per annum, the rental to cover heat and janitor service and lease to run for ten years.

Mr. McMullen moved that a lease be taken on the property of the Maryland Historical Society at the rental of \$8,000.00 per annum for a term of ten years with an option to the Board to purchase the property at any time during the lease at a cost of \$50,000.00 plus actual cost of the improvements made by the Maryland Historical Society. Moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the Attorney General's Office be directed to prepare the lease.

Motion unanimously carried, after being duly seconded, that the Governor be authorized to complete and to execute the lease. Col. Baughman also reported a congestion in space in the Traffic Court and said additional space is obtainable at the Central Police Station, but the improvements necessary will cost about \$1,220.00 which the State will have to pay.

Treasurer Jackson moved, and the motion was duly seconded and carried, that, providing the money is available, the Board appropriate not in excess of \$1,000.00 to be used for said improvements.

A Delegation appeared before the Board relating to a refund for the unused portion of the liquor licenses on account of the Federal Law rendering liquor unsalable after July 1, 1919.

On motion, duly seconded and carried, the Clerks of Courts throughout the State receiving liquor license money, accept full payment for licenses and retain it until July 20th, 1919, and report to the Comptroller of the State, and refund to the licensee the portion of the license fee represented by the unexpired and unused portion of the license. The following resolution was prepared and a copy forwarded to Adam Deupert, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Mr. Louis Solomon, Secretary of the Liquor Dealers Association of Baltimore City:

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has enacted laws which may bring the traffic in intoxicating liquors to an end on July 1st, 1919, and

WHEREAS, in certain of the counties of the State of Maryland and in the City of Baltimore, licenses to sell intoxicating liquors have been and may be issued with a right of refund of license fees for the portion of the year in which such license may not be used, and

WHEREAS, the Clerks of the Several Courts who are authorized to issue such licenses and collect the fees therefor are required by Section 9 of Article 17 of the Annotated Code of Maryland to pay to the State Treasurer all public monies within thirty days after the first Monday of March, June, September and December in each year, and

WHEREAS, Clerks issuing such licenses will not have an opportunity to give refunds of license money to those desiring to surrender their license on July 1st, 1919, if the penalties prescribed by Section 9 of Article 17 of the Annotated Code are to be immediately enforced, and

WHEREAS, fairness and justice require that a reasonable opportunity be given the Clerks to make the refunds allowed by law to those surrendering their licenses,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Public Works of Maryland, that, if the several Clerks authorized to collect liquor license fees shall make return of all such fees in their hands on or before July 20th, 1919, this Board will not endeavor to enforce the penalties prescribed by Section 9 of Article 17 of the Annotated Code, for the failure by such clerks to make return of the liquor license monies in their hands within thirty days after the first Monday in June.

On motion, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Treasurer was authorized to place \$3,000.00 fire insurance on the power boat "Dorchester".

Resolved by the Board of Public Works to pay \$375.00 interest on account of the Maryland School for Boys due January 6th, 1919, out of the Contingent Fund of the Board, provided that sufficient funds are therein.

Resolved by the Board of Public Works to exchange the bonds of the United States Government held by the State Treasurer for bonds bearing a higher rate of interest, provided the Treasurer has bonds of 4-1/4 per cent to be converted.

Comptroller McMullen reports that the small building on the Armory lot in Cumberland authorized to be rented by the Board for the sum of \$7.00 per month and placed in the hands of Mr. McMullen for whatever action he desires to take, has been rejected and, therefore, the transaction has not been completed.

A bill from the C. & P. Telephone Company for services furnished the State at Room 605 Union Trust Building, Baltimore, amounting to \$14.05, upon motion, duly seconded, the same was ordered paid.

Bills from the Annapolis Water Company amounting to \$95.09 for furnishing water to State buildings in Annapolis to April, 1st, 1919, upon motion, duly seconded and carried, were ordered paid.

There being no further business before the Board, upon motion of Mr. McMullen, duly seconded, the meeting adjourned.

Secretary of the Board.